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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, PORG, UNESCO

SUBJECT: UNESCO: NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITIES AT UNESCO

REF: PARIS 4412

1. MARCH 25 US DELOFF CONVERSATION WITH JAPANESE PERMREP TO UNESCO, MINISTER CHIYUKI HIRAOKA, REVEALED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT RECENT DRK ACTIVITIES AT UNESCO.

2. SECRETARIAT SOURCES TOLD HIRAOKA THAT THE DRK'S ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR SPACE IN UNESCO'S NEW OFFICE BUILDING TO ACCOMMODATE THIRTY EMPLOYEES, AND LATER SCALED DOWN TO TWENTY-ONE, RECENTLY HAS BEEN FURTHER PARED TO EIGHT. (COMMENT: THIS IS STILL AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER FOR CONDUCTING THEIR UNESCO BUSINESS, AND PROBABLY REPRESENTS A REVISED FIGURE FOR WHAT THE  
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DRK CONSIDERS SUITABLE FOR PROVIDING ITS PARIS TRADE CENTER WITH LOGISTIC AND COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT.)

3. HIRAOKA ALSO LEARNED THAT THE DRK HAD FURTHER EMBARRASSED" THE SECRETARIAT BY ASKING PERMISSION TO ERECT A LARGE ANTENNA ON THE ROOF OF THE UNESCO ANNEX WHICH HOUSES THE PERMANENT DELEGATIONS. PURPOSE IS TO

PROVIDE FOR DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA.  
(COMMENT: THIS INITIATIVE MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS DRK  
DESIRE TO ALLEVIATE ITS DEPENDENCE ON USSR AND PRC  
COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS. THE DRK'S PARIS TRADE CENTER  
HAS NO DIPLOMATIC STATUS, AND CONSEQUENTLY NO  
POSSIBILITY FOR INSTALLING SOPHISTICATED COMMUNICATIONS  
EQUIPMENT OR SENDING AND RECEIVING DIPLOMATIC POUCHES.)

4. FINALLY, UNOFFICIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE  
FRENCH AND DRK'S PERMDEL TO UNESCO APPEAR TO BE CON-  
TINUING AT ARMS LENGTH. THE FRENCH PERMREP TO UNESCO,  
AMBASSADOR VALERY, FOR EXAMPLE, RECENTLY HAS REFUSED  
FOR AT LEAST THE SECOND TIME, TO RECEIVE A COURTESY  
CALL FROM THE DRK'S PERMREP. (COMMENT: ONE  
SHOULD NOTE THAT ACCORDING TO FRENCH PROTOCOL, FRENCH  
OFFICIALS ACCREDITED TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
MAY RECEIVE DRK COLLEAGUES, ALTHOUGH FRANCE DOES NOT  
MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE DRK.)

5. PERMDEL WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR AND REPORT ON DRK  
ACTIVITIES IN UNESCO.

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